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Survivors

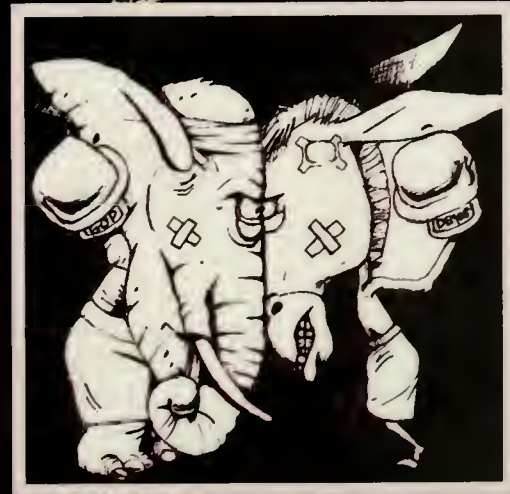
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Hit Butler

Student Lifestyles:  
On Campus vs Off  
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A look from the Left  
and the Right.



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# The

Tina Krau



# New



Daric McCoy  
**Staff Writer**

**W**ith the start of every school year, the face of Butler's campus changes every time. One of the changes this year occurred in the office of Director of Residence Life. Tina Krau started the position this summer after competing against over 90 other applicants for the job opening, according to Dean of Student Life, Karen Gelvin.

Krau was born and raised on the island of Maui, Hawaii. This is where she stayed until she went to college at Southern Oregon University (SOU). Here, she received her degree in Communications with a minor in Geology.

"I like to say I can talk about rocks," said Krau.

During her time at SOU, Krau became a resident assistant her sophomore year. Krau has been working in Residence Life ever since then.

After graduating from SOU, Krau moved to Nashville with her sister to live near family in the

area. She found a job in the Nashville area and then shortly thereafter took a position at the University of Oklahoma. Here, she worked for the athletics department in the residence halls. Krau worked there for the last five years until joining the Butler family in July.

"I knew one of the students here and she absolutely loved her BCC experience. That was how I first learned of Butler," said Krau. "You can always tell how great a college is based on the pride a student has for their school."

When asked how the job had been going so far, Krau said, "Great! I have never been so busy and mentally exhausted, but I love it."

She also said that the hardest part of the job is really just not having enough time in the day to finish everything.

"For a while there I was literally working everyday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.," she said.

"Tina is a breath of fresh air," commented Gelvin. "She is very in touch with the students."

Krau had much to say when asked what all her job entails.

"If I were to give you the edited version, I would say that the main part of my job is to ensure that BCC is able to provide a safe living environment conducive to learning and aiding in the personal growth and development of each individual resident," she said. "It's not just about providing a place for people to live, it's about creating a new home away from home. There is so much growth and development that occurs within the individual in their first

year of college, living in the residence halls plays a huge role in that. It's an honor for me to be a part of that."

Krau is especially excited that she lives in the East Dorms just steps from her office, maybe not quite for the reason you may be thinking, though.

"I know I am really going to appreciate this when those Kansas winters come at me full force," she commented. "You can't take 18 years of tropical weather out of a Hawaii girl in a few mainland winters. I still haven't gotten used to the fact that just because it's sunny outside doesn't mean it's warm."

Since Krau is from Hawaii, it shouldn't come as a surprise that she really likes the outdoors. Some of her favorite hobbies include camping and hiking. In March, Krau and her boyfriend went to Big Bend National Park in Texas and spent four days backpacking, carrying everything they need on their backs. She also enjoys road trips.

"The idea of getting in a car, driving for eight hours and being somewhere completely different is something I will never get tired of," she said.

When asked what the first thing is that a student would notice about Krau, Gelvin said, "Her smile and bright blue eyes."

Since Krau works and lives on campus, it is very easy for students to reach her.

"I love when people stop by my office to say hi," said Krau.

She also enjoys when people come to visit her and her two dogs, Graham and Hoku, at her room in the East Dorms.





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Kara Johnson



Megan Mahurin  
**Staff Writer**

# Girls

enrolled here at Butler Community College, and received her Associates in Liberal Arts, followed by her Bachelors in Communications, with two minors, one in Music and the other in Philosophy.

After attending college, Kara became the Director of Youth Empowerment for the City of Wichita followed by the position as the Assistant General Manager of a college apartment complex. She returned to Butler to work and was placed as a Manager of Cummins Hall, and a sponsor of Butler Student Organizations.

"Ever since my first day as a student at Butler, I have been a huge advocate for the opportunities and experiences that the college provides," she said. "I have built great relationships with many students as well as staff and faculty. I believe in Butler and its purpose. I figured if I want to be the best, I might as well work for the best too!"

Because Kara believes that Butler has a large amount of potential, she is planning and coordinating a Leadership Summit, which allows students the opportunities

and experiences to develop leadership skills on many different levels, such as personal, group and community. Each summit will develop well-rounded leaders through their engagement in five leadership components: involvement, service learning, cultural awareness, leadership growth and personal growth.

These levels of leadership will allow students to direct Butler. Johnson is also an adviser of the Student Government Association (SGA), which helps find new ways to better Butler Community College. Some other organizations at Butler are Colleges for Cancer, Skills USA, Grizzly Ambassadors, Campus Crusaders for Christ, HALO (Hispanic American Leadership Organization) and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

So whether you want to join one of these organizations or start one of your own, Johnson is the girl to talk to.

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**B**utler is boring, and seems to be all about academics and sports. Students with this train of thought, get ready to change your mind, because here's a solution for you!

Born and raised in Wichita, Kara Johnson knows all the hot spots in the area, and can point you in the right direction. She can help you find the next big campus event, or point you toward one of her parties, which just happens to be one of her favorite hobbies. Along with being a party planner, Johnson is a shopping fanatic! Her favorite item to buy is shoes. On her time off from work, Johnson loves going new places and trying new things.

Although she likes to travel, Butler is nothing new to Johnson. After attending high school, she



# International Students

## BCC undergrads from around the world



Thao Pham

### Staff Writer

**W**ord of mouth is a powerful tool when it comes to international students deciding on what educational institution to study at. Tapping into the local market is a strategy for recruitment for overseas students seeking to transfer. Butler partners with Wichita State University to make it easier for undergraduates seeking a Bachelor's degree for a better job out in the market.

A majority of Butler's international students come to BCC to finish their general education classes and to transfer into a 4-year

establishment school.

Randy Bush, International Advisor Butler of Andover, helps international students make their enrollment into Butler a smooth transaction.

"What I do for international students is assist enrollment, help select classes for them and make sure they are on the right track to complete their degree," Bush says.

Providing all documents for a successful enrollment takes about a week. A country sponsor is required to go to school at Butler. For example, a student from China wants to go to school at Butler. They will need someone from the United States to sponsor their money and a family member or friend could do that.

Students also either live on campus, with a host family or their own family.

There is no language barrier when students come because it is a requirement they pass an American literacy test before coming to school in the U.S. According to StudyUSA.com nearly 100,000 students come to the United States to study English each

year.

When students come to BCC, they have an option of joining The International Student Association (ISA). This club is open to international students, resident aliens as well as all students interested in promoting cross-cultural understanding. Members are often invited to visit with elementary classes and community groups.

The ISA participates in the campus-wide Spring Fling, sharing their various cultures with students and community members through music and dance, traditional clothing, flags and exhibits. All monthly social activities are planned by members.

Ryosho Matsumo, Japan Wichita State University graduate, is a member of the International Student Association. He has set up many events to bring together students and their common interest of wanting a better education, life and overall, to have a good time.

"All the events have gone good. We are in the process of planning another event in October so it is going to be really fun," Matsumo says.

Country	Total
Argentina	01
Bangladesh	20
<b>Benin</b>	<b>07</b>
Brazil	02
Bulgaria	03
Burkina Faso	01
Burma	01
Cambodia	02
Cameroon	03
Canada	17
Chile	02
<b>China</b>	<b>20</b>
China, PRC	26
China, Hong Kong	01
Colombia	06
Congo	03
Croatia	01
Czech Republic	01
Denmark	01
Egypt	01

El Salvador	01
Eritrea	01
Ethiopia	06
Fiji	02
France	02
Gambia	01
Germany	06
Ghana	02
Guatemala	01
Guinea	01
<b>India</b>	<b>21</b>
Indonesia	01
Iran	10
Ireland	01
Ivory Coast	05
Jamaica	01
Japan	04
Jordan	01
<b>Kenya</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Korea</b>	<b>22</b>

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International & Permanent	
Kuwait	02
Kyrgyzstan	01
Laos	01
Lebanon	02
Liberia	01
Malawi	01
<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>18</b>
Mauritius	01
Mexico	92
Mongolia	04
Morocco	06
Myanmar	01
<b>Nepal</b>	<b>68</b>
Niger	01





Flags were hung up to let students view where members of the International Student Association are from. The club was started to encourage overseas students to become more involved.

Photos by Thao Pham



On Sept. 30, a Tae Kwon Do class came to Butler to perform a routine. "Tae Kwon Do is a fabulous exercise and a great balance with sitting in class and studying," Jessica Bell, Wichita fighter, says.

## International Night



Randy Bush, International Adviser, BOA, his family and Ryosho Matsumo, Japan, WSU graduate held the event International Night. "It is a fun event and good," Matsumo says.



Nikky Clapp, Caney sophomore and Regina Layer, Texas sophomore, volunteered during the event to serve food. Original Korean food was served to the public.

"90% of students who come to Butler go to Andover just because it is near Wichita and that's where most of them and their families are located. 10% go to El Dorado."

Randy Bush, BOA International Adviser.

## Resident Enrollment

09

Nigeria	10
Pakistan	09
Palestine	02
Paraguay	02
Peru	03
Philippines	03
Russia	04
Saudi Arabia	04
Singapore	01
Somalia	01
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>32</b>
Sudan	01
Syria	01
Taiwan	04

Tanzania	30
Thailand	05
Togo	03
Tunisia	01
Turkey	03
Uganda	01
Ukraine	01
United Arab Emirates	02
United Kingdom	05
Uzbekistan	01
Venezuela	05
<b>Vietnam</b>	<b>76</b>
Virgin Islands (British)	01

### TOTALS

**80 Countries 684**

(Top 10 bolded countries are of students who attended Butler on a visa and became permanent residents in the United States.)

"The total enrollment at Butler is 8,000 students per academic year. This includes more than 684 international students from 87 countries."

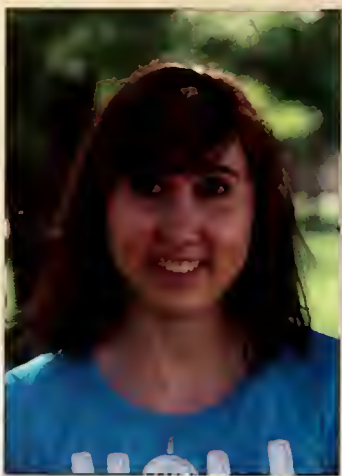
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# Once Upon a....

## Mattress

### Butler's Theater Department Entertains Hundreds



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**T**he thought of watching a musical about a bunch of mattresses puts me to sleep. However, Butler's Theater Department kept me wide awake during their brilliant performance of 'Once Upon a Mattress.' This musical was performed four times for audiences Oct. 1 through Oct. 3.

'Once Upon a Mattress' is an adaptation of the fairy tale story of "The Princess and the Pea." It begins with the Minstrel, played by Taylor Osterman, singing us the story of how Queen Aggravain refuses to let anyone in her kingdom get married unless her son Prince Dauntless is wedded. Sadly, no

one is good enough for her son. To make matters worse, Sir Harry, played by Odie Brown, and Lady Larken, portrayed by Sandricka Paylor, are expecting a child and need to get married fast. So Harry decides to find a princess that will pass the queen's test.

He finds Princess

Winnifred, played by Natalie Dickter, an outspoken, tough, confident girl. From the second Dickter steps

on stage, you can tell that this girl has talent. She has a presence that makes the audience sit up in their seats and a voice that can turn any head. Zach Hawthorne, who plays Prince Dauntless, is no different. His character is determined to find the girl of his dreams and has a comical way of doing it.

The actors who stole this show were Bob Peterson, a director at Butler and Michele Banks. Banks played the nagging mother and Queen Aggravain. There were some points in the performance where I just wanted to tell her character to be quiet. Banks portrayed her character so well I al-

ence what he was saying, by not saying it. He was by far the crowd's favorite.

When watching a live theater performance I like to notice everything. I thought the ensemble was very good. They held it together even though they were missing an actor during the performances.

The costumes and choreography were very detailed. The director, Regina Austin-Fresh, choreographed the musical. Each step looked like it had been rehearsed many times.

The costumes showed that they were in the medieval era. They were very colorful and outgoing.

Overall, the performance of 'Once Upon a Mattress' was a hit. Between the actors, costumes and choreography I was entertained through the whole musical.

**"We chose this particular musical because it has a variety of characters that are very fun to create."**

**Director Regina Austin-Fresh**

most believed she was really like that.

Peterson's character had no lines until the end of the play. For some actors, this task would be difficult, but Peterson nailed his part. He had the audience roaring with laughter at his "sign language." He had to find unique ways to tell the audi-



**Prince Harry (left) tries to convince the Queen about a new princess. Grabbing attention, Princess Winnifred (above) makes an entrance.**





Sandricka Paylor, portraying Lady Larkin, (left) tells Sir Harry, played by Odie Brown, about her happy news.

After arriving at the castle, the ladies in waiting (middle) model different dresses for Princess Winnifred, played by Natalie Dicketer, to chose.

Being excited about her arrival, Prince Dauntless, portrayed by Zach Hawthorne, (bottom right) grabs Winnifred's hand.



The King tries to tell a secret by playing charades with the Jester and Minstrel.



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# Fashion Cents

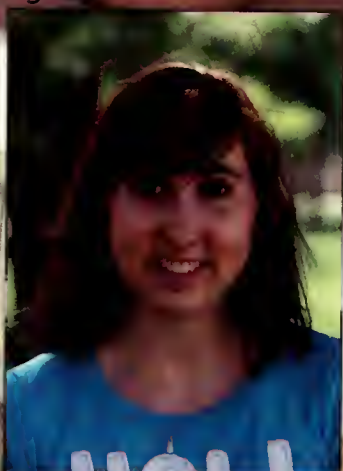
How students get more for their money.

Photo courtesy of www.google.com



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Freshman Caitlin Klinger, of [unclear] burg, says, "It's in the little things. You have to ask yourself do I really need to spend my money on that pop or download that song?"

Skylar Clausen, a fellow freshman from Cheney, has a different attempt: "I deposit money to my savings and I try to save my change."

These methods are good ideas. Setting aside a small amount of money can eventually add up.

Although money is tight it still doesn't stop students from shopping at their favorite stores and adding to their collection.

Morgan McCray, from Wichita, says, "I like stores like Maurice's, Burlington Coat Factory, and DEB's."

She adds, "I shop at stores that aren't super expensive but have cute and great quality clothes."

Clausen says, "I like the Buckle and American Eagle."

Unless they own a money tree, budgets for students are extremely tight. Some students see their new budget as a challenge.

"The challenge in fashion is to layer and mix and match outfits and make it look new even though it's the same," says Klinger.

"College has affected my spending ways. I don't have as much money as I used to," says Clausen.

If you're struggling with budgeting money and still want to shop, try shopping at cheaper stores like the Goodwill or take advantage of sales.

"I'm not afraid to shop on the clearance rack," says McCray.

Clausen tries to use store sales to his best interest.

"I take advantage of sales. Who doesn't like to save money?" says Clausen.

A simple method that anyone can do is keep that tiny little paper called a receipt. By collecting these you'll know where your money is going. Keeping an eye on your money spending ways can help anyone in the long run.

Although it is tempting to run to the mall and buy that awesome new outfit you've been dying to buy, try thinking about it first.

"Where I came from there were no shopping options. Around here there is a lot more and it's within 30 minutes away. You have to talk yourself out of going and buying things. It's a big challenge," says Klinger.

Staying fashion conscious can be tough but in the end having common sense can save you lots of cents.

**F**ashion is a way to express one's interests and personality. And college is a great place to show off your individual style. But it's sort of hard to show off that new killer outfit when your bank account only has \$10 in it.

Let's face it kids, trying to pay for school and fashion at the same time is not easy. Every cherished shiny penny becomes a treasure in one's wallet. So the big question on many students' minds is 'how can I still look good without spending a lot of cash?'



# Talking Dollars and Cents

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## Know where to shop.

Instead of hitting up the boutiques and department stores at the mall, try going to TJ Maxx, Plato's Closet, or even vintage and thrift stores. More often than not, clothes will be anywhere from 45-70 percent off of their original retail price! With steals like these, you'll see a GOOD difference in your banking account in no time!



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## D-I-Y stands for Do It Yourself.

Okay, so maybe you're not a sewing machine guru, or it's possible that you've never thread a needle in your life, but all is not lost! Even without the knowledge of a fashion designer anybody has the opportunity to spruce up their wardrobe, old-time favorites. [www.diyfashion.about.com](http://www.diyfashion.about.com) has great instructions and tutorial videos to help out the designing impaired. Not only that, but there is even a no-sew section designated for projects done without a machine. Before too long, you'll have people saying,

"You made THAT out of what?"

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## Coupons are no longer just for the grocery store.

Have you ever gone to a department store and wished you had a coupon for that \$30 shirt you were about to purchase? Well, get ready to make that wishful thinking a reality! Websites such as [www.mysavings.com](http://www.mysavings.com) offers online coupons for stores such as Target, Wal\*Mart, Old Navy, Sears, Overstock.com, and even Best Buy!



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## In need of a promotion?

Promotions aren't just for your workplace, they're for your wallet too. When you know that a new store is opening up in your area, keep your eyes peeled for flyers mentioning store promotional items, or perks! Get on your favorite store's website and sign up for their mailing list; you never know when you'll receive an offer that you just can't turn down.



# Students Feeling



Thao Pham  
**Staff Writer**

**A**s large and small companies are laying off more and more people due to the economic crisis and forcing families to make ends meet, students have not been able to protect themselves from the turmoil. When students are rethinking their education plans or picking up an extra job on top of school to help out at home, students have to smarten up quick and make some major adjustments.

"School costs a lot of money and you add the rising costs of gas and basic groceries and you are living paycheck to paycheck. Not a fun time to be a student," says Christina Holbert-Black, Arizona freshman.

College enhancements of financial aid do not seem promising but that all depends on what school you decide to continue in and whether it is public or private. A recent study by BusinessWeek found that students had a better 'bang for their buck' with the public universities rather than private schools.

Naturally, the choice comes down to whether students want to go to a public school which is usually in a big city or a private school that is in a small town. But with the freedom to make their own choices, students have had the opportunity to choose from personal preference. This may mean more incoming students are

basing their decision on choice of education and cost. This is why Butler had a 15.8 percent increase in student enrollment.

"Butler is a cost-effective choice and a good school to attend," says Troy Nordman, English teacher.

Parents remain the visible victims of this economic crisis and believe the next generation will certainly have their hands full. A majority of students are continuing their education until the job market improves but is this

Cola, Dell and Asian Pacific Scholarships. Every student should take the time to apply for the scholarships because if you end up getting more than you bargain for, any leftover money you have they will send you a check that you can cash and spend on whatever you like. To find all the scholarships and more that you can apply for, students can Google it or go to the financial aid office for more information.

Some students also feel scholarships are not that necessary



Students need to be aware of what they are buying and if they really need it. Learning to be more frugal will help save money.

**Photo by Megan Mahurin**

a decision some may regret? No matter what their major is, students need to smarten up and respond accordingly to this economy crisis or face the economic consequence.

Scholarships have been the main priority for students who plan to go to college. Whether they are applying for a \$500 scholarship or \$10,000, students should go for any scholarship they can apply for.

According to Fastweb.com, the most popular scholarships are the Coca-

depending on the institution they plan to attend. That's a major factor in how much money will be coming out of their pockets.

Elliott Trimble, El Dorado freshman, says that it is actually not that bad going to school without a scholarship.

"Butler is inexpensive and I have a 15 credit hour schedule," says Trimble.



# Recession's Crunch

economy threatening learners' education

## Do you think the economy is getting better?



A survey was taken by asking 42 random students how they feel the economy is doing for them. These were the results.



The bookstore has been overwhelmingly busy. "I have seen it get busier due to increasing students," Juana Kelley, BOE clerk, says.

Photo by Gordon Cave

"Spend  
your money  
wisely!"  
Juana Kelley,  
BOE clerk.

"My financial troubles are putting myself through school while also trying to support a family. It is really hard to be a student right now."

Christina Holbert-Black, Arizona freshman.

## How to be Cost Conscious

1. **Free Food! Where?** - Throughout the week a student group is always holding an event somewhere on campus and if they are meeting around dinner time, there will be guaranteed free food. Find out what group is meeting and where, show up, try to blend in, and enjoy a free meal!
2. **Where are you going?** - Car pool with friends to save money and gas. Everyone can alternate which cars to drive and chip in on money for gas.
3. **Saving minutes** - Your cellphone bill getting a bit high? Cut the minutes and just use texting. You will save almost 60% on the phone bill!
4. **Man! I need a job** - Don't just think short-term savings; get prepared for an unaccommodating job market. Securing a job is going to require major networking, so get a leg up, and look to your Butler Job List posting to see how you can make yourself more marketable.
5. **Buy what you need** - Start making a grocery list and getting the essentials you need and not the ones you want. Doing this will save you a lot of money to spend on more important things, like bills.
6. **Stay informed** - Try to remain in tune with what is happening financially and politically so you'll be armed with the necessary information to endure this crisis relatively unscathed.

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Logan Jones  
**Photo & Sports  
Editor**

# 1 *How exactly did you find yourself interested in the world of visual arts?*

"I grew up in a very chaotic household. I was the youngest of four kids in a single parent household. I was like a quiet voice in a very noisy household. And I escaped into painting and drawing when I was in kindergarten or before. I was pretty much known as John "the kid who can draw" from the time I was very young. My whole life was about painting and drawing. In the small town I grew up in, it was easy to be an "art star." It gave me a lot of confidence."

## 5 QUESTIONS WITH

### 2 *What does art or being an artist mean to you?*

"Artists are lucky, I think. Because what we do is muse about our existence all the time. We do what philosophers, scientists and theologians do. We ask questions about why things are as they are, the meaning of things. Artists pursue unanswerable questions. Our jobs are privileged. It's pretty crazy stuff!"

### *With all of this considered, what kind of artist do you see yourself as?*

"I still work naturalistically sometimes. Drawing and painting people has always been the most

interesting to me. A few landscapes along the way, but often it is portraits.

I have done a lot of work doing portraits for law firms and universities over the years. That's not what I really value as an artist, but that stuff is what helps pay the bills. Within the last few years, I have been working more abstractly. That's where I am now, although I am really contemplating a move back toward realistic work. The abstract stuff I am doing now is probably the most difficult thing I have ever done. To be successful in this way is a very difficult thing to do."



Courtesy of CJ Langrehr

**CJ Langrehr, Augusta sophomore, has been drawing portraits for eight years. She was a student in one of John Oehm's classes last semester. (Above is a portrait she drew of John Oehm.)**





Erin Carlson/ *Grizzly*

# ART INSTRUCTOR JOHN OEHM

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*You are from a small town in Nebraska. How did you end up teaching at Butler?*

"I graduated from Wichita State University in 1981, and then for the next 11 years I taught privately. I had a studio in downtown Wichita where I taught some high school students, but mostly adults. I also painted and taught at WSU and the Wichita Center for the Arts. I taught at WSU until 1992, and then I thought I needed a job with insurance, retirement fund, and that sort of thing. I originally accepted a job in Texas, but right before I moved down there the Butler job opened up. I have been here since '92 and I have been loving it ever since. I think it's (Butler) a great place."

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*What can students expect in your class and what are your goals when teaching?*

"The first thing you have to do is cause them (students) to look at



Logan Jones/Grizzly

things in a way that they're unaccustomed to. I want my students to be open-minded. I want them to be able to look at things without a closed-minded, pre-conditioned way of the world. I think it causes you to love everybody else, even if you share a different opinion."

**Butler art instructor, John Oehm, has been teaching Grizzly students since 1992. When teaching, he tries to convey the importance of having an open mind. As of late, Oehm, a painter, has concentrated on working abstractly when it comes to his personal projects, but has typically been a naturalistic artist.**





# DESERVED EXPANSION



JC Boyce  
**Copy-Editor**

## Butler's Ag Facility Sees Needed Remodeling

Even with the new hay barn added into the construction process, the remodeling project has and continues to move along smoothly, as all but the outdoor classroom is finished. The remodeling is expected to be complete by the contractor's Dec. 20 deadline.

"I don't like to view the new building as just a new building, I like to see it as a new learning lab for our students," says Don Gronau, Butler's lead agriculture instructor, who expresses great satisfaction for the hands-on learning Butler's agriculture students receive.

When Ag students returned this fall, they were welcomed by the look and smell of a brand-new building. The remodeling plan went all out as the facility received a new welcoming center on the front of the building, two additional classrooms, a new hay barn and an outdoor classroom. The

outdoor classroom was intended to provide a place for students to take the classroom outside on a nice day.

A new main entrance wraps around the southwest corner of the building, providing a nice, warm welcoming area. The sunny room will provide a place for student socials, meetings, information on Butler's Agriculture program, a greet-

ing room for days when prospective students come to visit and a place to show off the Livestock Judging Team's numerous awards. Many windows, combined with the stylish floor designs, make it a bright, fun room. The atmosphere almost makes one feel as if they are standing in a fancy indoor front porch. Also, the welcoming area's brick exterior spruces up the facility, so that it looks less like a tin shed or barn, and more like the designated space for classrooms.

**A**s Butler's Agriculture students departed the Ag building for summer break last semester, they knew they would be coming back to a nice, new academic environment this fall. The sound of saws and hammers began to echo through the halls as the remodeling project officially started in April. Then, in May, an unexpected necessity came along: a new hay barn. The damaging May 8 thunderstorm winds destroyed the barn's roof and structure to an extent that practicality and safety were both a problem, guaranteeing the need for a new barn.



**Below: The view from the Ag Facility's new welcome center. With many windows, the room will provide a warm welcoming area.**



Two new classrooms were constructed, both having special features worthy of mention. One has a garage door at the back of it to allow for more room for larger classes or meetings to extend into the arena area. The other new classroom is surrounded with concrete walls, to provide a safe room for students to gather in the event of a tornado.

Unlike the old hay barn, the new one is connected to the main Ag building. Handicap accessible ramps make it usable for all to navigate around the facility. The hay barn is impressive, as it is fully enclosed, insulated, and easy to get in and out with tractors and other equipment. Plus, there is plenty of room for hay.

Needless to say, both the Ag students and instructors will enjoy the additional space of their updated learning environment for many years to come. Out of sight and out of mind, Butler's agriculture students have a quiet world of their own and new space to enjoy it in. The made-over facility has already been a treat to the Ag program, but the excitement builds as the day of final completion draws near.



**Left: The new hay barn was built just behind the main facility. It is insulated and handicap accessible, making for a pretty fancy hay barn.**



**Center: One of the new classrooms. This one's special feature is that it is expandable. The back wall of this classroom is a garage door, allowing for expansion into the arena for larger classes and meetings.**



**Below Center: Construction workers work on the "outdoor classroom." This will serve as a good place for students to go outside to study on a nice day.**



**Left: The inside of the new hay barn. As you can see, it is insulated, nicely lighted and has concrete floors. The nice new hay barn is liable to make area farmers and ranchers green with envy.**





"I don't recycle, but If I remembered I would probably recycle."  
-Freshman Kathy Cody, Douglass



"Yes, I recycle paper products and plastic. El Dorado forces me to."  
-Freshman Janelle Tomlin, El Dorado



"I don't recycle but I would if I lived on my own."  
-Freshman Mike McGolthlin, Augusta



"I do recycle cardboard boxes, pop cans, bottles & anything that's paper."  
-Freshman Ellie Gorman, Towanda





# Going Green

## Recycling at Butler



Gordon Cave  
Staff Writer

ment then soon died out and has been recently revitalized through the green movement.

Recently, the green movement has hit the Butler campus. Recycling bins can be found around campus. In the 100 building, there are bins for newspapers and one for trash in general. Stephens has had trouble finding a plastic recycling bin on campus.

She knows plenty of her friends in the residence halls who use water bottles which upsets her because there is no place to dispose of them in a "green" fashion. Stephens also recycled while living at home and always recycled her aluminum pop cans.

According to Donald Rommelfanger, the grounds manager, the recycling program has not affected the students living in the dorms. He says there hasn't been much information or pressure from the dorms to push the recycling program more. There are programs that are still in planning for recycling in the dorms.

Despite the problems in the dorms, Rommelfanger says the paper and cardboard containers continue to increase across campus. "Every building has recycle totes or the paper is collected on a weekly basis; we probably remove on the average 1,000 pounds of paper per week," says Rommelfanger.

Rommelfanger says as far as

the other recyclables there are several containers around campus for other items.

"Aluminum cans and plastic bottles have been taken on either by individuals or civic groups and those containers are collected by those groups or the City of El Dorado makes arrangements to collect there." Habitat for Humanity is also responsible for collecting cans.

They have a recycling station on the west side of campus. Kay Metzinger, Accounts Receivable, is in charge of the program.

Despite some setbacks in the recycling system, Butler is ready to pursue any opportunity to increase recycling and sustainability.

"Our biggest drive now is to promote recycling which we do at every opportunity. We keep close ties with the administrators of the recycling program with the City of El Dorado who are very willing to work with us," Rommelfanger says.

Still, with the economy trying to recover and global warming still making headlines, Butler is making an effort with recycling and hopefully that effort will change the way the campus consumes.

For Sarah Stephens, Osage City freshman, doing her part in the world is something she likes to do. "It makes me feel good when I recycle," says Stephens. "I feel like I am doing my part to preserve the world."

Many Butler students are starting to save their empty water bottles, used Wal-Mart bags or even old editions of the Wichita Eagle to dispose of in recycling bins.

The idea of recycling has long been on the earth, dating back as far as the 1960s when environmental groups pushed recycling to preserve the earth and its materials. The earth's natural resources were being depleted at an abnormally fast rate, and that worried environmentalists around the world.

The efforts for recycling started to die out with the market for recyclable materials gone. The move-





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# The Resurgence of America: A Comeback Story

## OPINION

**R**eminiscing on a year ago brings so many memories and emotions rushing back. Our country was bubbly with hope and eager for change. Then, by 10 p.m. CST, the news networks were announcing Barack Obama as the victor of the 2008 presidential race on that first Tuesday in November, the 4th. When history was made on Jan. 20, 2009, millions of people saw a new day for our country beginning. A change was not only brewing in our nation, but in the way the rest of the world looked at Americans. This change was not going to come easy by any means. President Obama had a lot of cleaning up to do. In this article, I will discuss some of the obstacles that have stood in the way of our progress to becoming a better nation in the last year, as well as the achievements he has already accomplished.

The sense of pride and patriotism felt by the majority of American citizens when President Obama took office, seemed to have the same tone as the way our country came together after 9/11. The rest of the world displayed good will towards the United States after

the attacks, just as they are now that we have a leader that uses diplomacy before fear and threat. We are no longer trying to bully the rest of the world. But the difference between now and 9/11 is that former President George W. Bush squandered that good will due to his lack of desire to ever use diplomacy.

Now that a Democrat is in the White House, it seems as if the conservatives have changed their priorities. For example, before being sworn in, President Obama was left with a \$10.6 trillion national debt to deal with. One of Obama's plans to help swing the economy back around was to create a stimulus package. Republicans began to question if a stimulus would further our debt, rather than provide much benefit. If only they showed this concern about spending when Bush was in office, rather than throwing money at big corporations and an unnecessary war. I have heard of a time when Republicans were known as "fiscal conservatives." But is a stimulus really ineffective? Without the stimulus, many economists believe we would be in a depression now. Instead, the economy is showing a resurgence, and most economists feel we are pulling out of a recession after only eight months under the Barack Obama presidency. We still need to create more jobs, and until this is

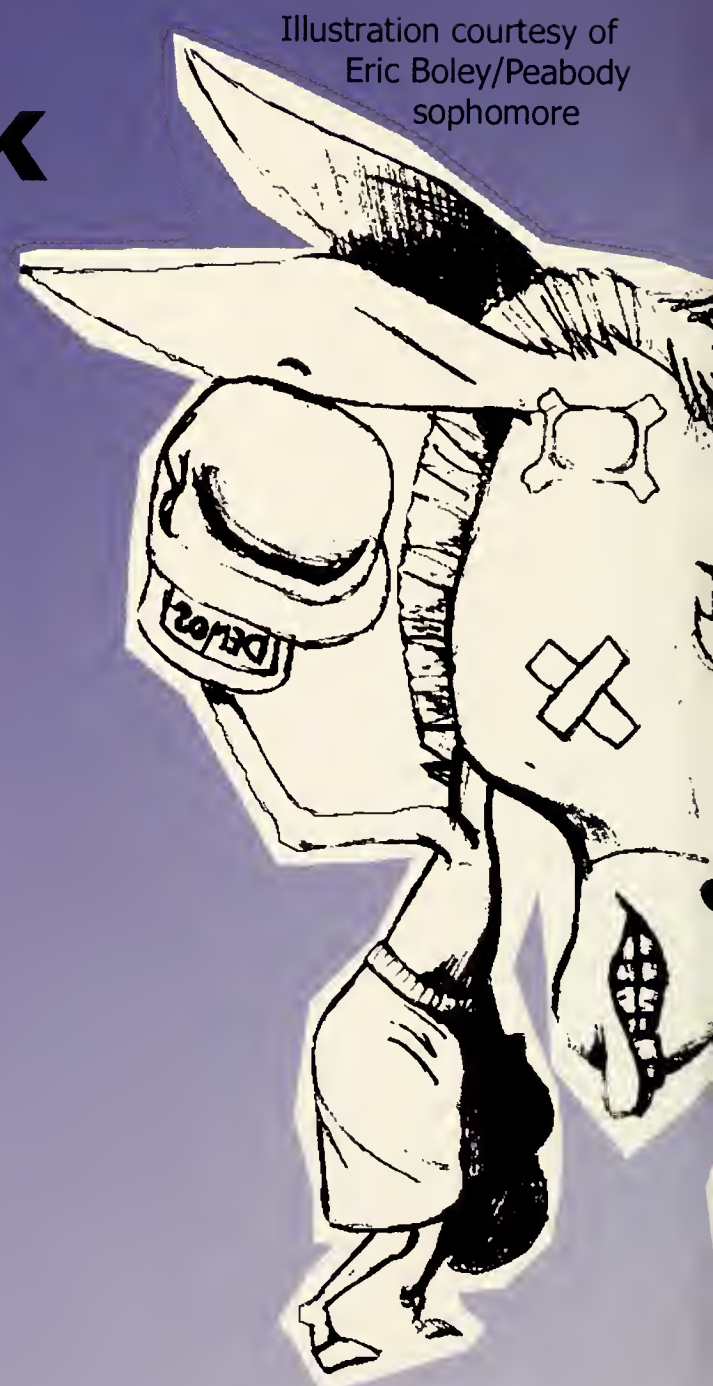


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sophomore

done we, America, cannot be fully content.

I suppose it's time to bring up healthcare. What to do, what to do. Let's be clear, President Obama's healthcare plan would give quality and affordable healthcare to all Americans. It will also guarantee the right to choose your own doctor. If you get laid off or lose your job, you will maintain your healthcare coverage. And if you like what you have now, you can keep your current plan.

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# Campaign Over, Time For Reality



## OPINION

\$1 trillion, and full of questionable items, the American people aren't buying the government-run healthcare plan, thankfully. Nationalized medicine can be defined as the government deciding who gets treated (rationing), when (waiting list) and how (what kind of treatment you'll receive). Americans don't want the government snooping around in their medical records, telling them who to see and when, and having control over what kind of operation they should receive. After being given some painkillers and having to wait for at least three months, the classic government healthcare response would be to say, "Sorry, we can't do much for your leg at this point, and it's too expensive for the system to cover anything except amputation." That's for the birds, and apparently many Americans feel the same. According to a June ABC-Washington Post poll, 83 percent of Americans are satisfied with their health care, and 81 percent are fine with their health insurance.

The more the Democrats campaign for health reform, the more Americans are wary of it. During September, the health reform's approval plummeted to 43 percent according to a Rasmussen poll, along with Barack Obama's to 49 percent. Americans find it odd that liberals are in such a hurry to pass this bill, and so testy with anyone who opposes it. People naturally expect the bill to include coverage for illegal immigrants and abortions, because many of the same liberals supporting the health bill are supporting such things as amnesty and abortion. It seems to be a pretty accurate suspicion considering that every single Republican amendment removing abortions and



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health care for illegal immigrants has been shot down by the Democrat leadership (even though many "blue-dog" and other Democrats were strongly in favor of such amendments as well). Meanwhile, as Democrats reject any Republican proposal or amendment, they accuse the Republicans of not presenting any ideas. (Go figure.)

Perhaps the most shocking reactions coming from many liberals and the liberal mainstream media is their reaction to the majority of Americans who oppose and protest the bill. Health reform opponents have been called everything from racist lunatics to angry mobs to unruly terrorists. If that's the best defense proponents of the bill can come up with, that's an embarrassment, and it's no wonder the bill is losing ground. According to some, if you simply disagree with the president, you're somehow racist. Maybe when they join us in the 21st century, they can move on from race and get to a substantive debate. Another thing worthy of mention is that the White House even went as far as creating a blog for people to "flag" suspicious or negative information regarding health reform. This naturally reminded many Americans of the classic George Orwell book 1984, with big brother (a domineering government) always watching. (Creepy.)

Besides being concerned about government intrusion into their health plans and increased costs, Americans are also worried about the

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**T**his has been an interesting year to say the least. Due to the extremely long list of political events that have taken place this year, and a limited space to discuss it in, I can only scratch the surface. Seeing that health reform has been the most popular issue lately, it would be a good one to start out with.

It's no secret that changes need to be made to our healthcare system, but the best changes can only happen if the government is less involved, not more so. Priced at around



# THE Cancer CHRONICLES

## Personal Stories of Butler's Survivors



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Vietti, President of Butler Community College, and cancer survivor.

### *The Continuous Struggle*



In 1996, Pam Hendrix, Dean for Enrollment Management Secretary, knew that something in her body just wasn't quite right. When she went to the doctors they discovered that her uterus was the size of an 18-week pregnancy. Alarmed, Hendrix told her doctors that there was no way she was pregnant. Hendrix was soon to be diagnosed with Leiomyosarcoma, also referred to as LMS. LMS is a soft tissue cancer that develops tumors in tissues all throughout the body. It only accounts for one percent of all cancers. LMS will tend to "jump all over the body," rather than continue in a pattern or "on a certain path, so it's hard to know where it will pop up next," says Hendrix.

When she found out that she was being diagnosed with cancer, Hendrix felt as if she was having, "an out of body experience."

Since the diagnosis, Hendrix has had six tumors in the past five years, and continues to fight the disease every day. She's a regular patient at MD Anderson Cancer Center located in Houston, Texas.

"There are no doctors in the Wichita area that will treat my kind of cancer," says Hendrix.

Every three months, Hendrix and her husband travel to MD Anderson Cancer Center for scans and testing.

Hendrix says, "I was diagnosed in 1996. The tumor started in the uterine walls...then five years ago it came back in my neck, and the doctors couldn't get it all out so I've had to take treatment."

Since then, Hendrix has gone through chemotherapy, even though LMS doesn't respond to the treatment, radiation and several surgeries.

Hendrix says, "I went through chemo as the doctors said I should 'just in case it would work!' It did not work, as I've had five tumors since my chemo treatments. The best treatment is surgery. I've had tumors surgically removed in my uterus, hip, abdomen, two in my chest wall and two in my spine."

Physically, the chemotherapy

**W**hether it's a parent, significant other, child, or even your own self, everyone has had to deal with the ominous cloud that hangs over after a cancer diagnosis. Cancer affects everyone indirectly or directly somehow and sometime in their lifetime. This is a story of five Butler employees who are courageous survivors and continuous fighters of cancer. During times of diagnosis, recovery, and even remission of cancer, thoughts like this will continuously whirl through a person's mind

"There were days after my diagnosis... when I truly wondered if I would get to see our five children graduate from high school, college, and get married. On other days I was convinced I would be a survivor," says Jackie



treatment gave Hendrix intense bone pain, and she lost her hair. "I went through chemo every two weeks for four months. Each treatment made the pain worse. Needless to say, it was NOT fun!" says Hendrix.

The radiation treatment she endured wasn't much better.

"The radiation was done through my mouth in order to reach the tumor at the C2-C3 vertebra. It blistered my mouth and throat, and I lost all of my taste buds," says Hendrix.

Even though Hendrix's fight with cancer has not been a picnic, she's had her chance to leave her mark in the medical world.

"I was the number four lab rat at MD Anderson Cancer Center to be a part of a clinical trial on a special type of radiation on the tumor in my neck that is inoperable. That clinical trial was almost five years ago, and that spot is still not growing," says Hendrix.

Since then, this form of radiation has been released on the market for cancer treatments.

During her long battle with cancer, Hendrix still keeps her chin held high, and continues to count her blessings every day.

"You have to have a great support team and I've had amazing support through my family, my church and my Butler family. This cancer experience would have been much worse if I did not have them all!" says Hendrix.

With her last visit to MD Anderson Cancer Center in the spring of 2009, Hendrix wasn't able to return to work for eight weeks due to her recovery from another surgery.

"When I was slowly recovering from my last surgery, Butler allowed me to work for an hour or two at a time...even being able to do that allowed me to grab onto something normal throughout all the turmoil."

She continues, "Butler has been the perfect place to be through all of this. We're just all a really big family. When

I leave for surgeries all the time, they never question my days off. I couldn't have gone through this and kept my job working anywhere else."

During the writing of this article, Pam Hendrix once again made her way to Houston for another three month check-up...thankfully, she was able to return home immediately with good news for the time being.

## *A (Curly) Spring in Your Step*

Karen Gelvin, Dean of Student Life, is a survivor of Fallopian Tube Cancer (Transitional Cells), which only accounts for one to two percent of all genealogical cancers among women.

"We should listen to our bodies! I knew something was wrong, even though I felt fine...I bounced back and forth between specialists, but I insisted on further tests to be done."

Gelvin was diagnosed by Dr.



Doug Horbelt, who has only diagnosed three patients with Fallopian Tube Cancer in his 25 years of medicine.

When Gelvin was diagnosed with cancer, she was mostly upset about losing her hair. After going through six rounds of chemotherapy, that is exactly what happened to her!

"Losing my hair was really tough. Before chemotherapy it was very thick and straight, and now it has grown back curly!" I feel like I have a (curly) spring in my step—because I'm ALIVE!" says Gelvin.

Losing her pin-straight hair wasn't the only side effect that chemotherapy had on Gelvin. "The chemotherapy rounds made me tired and pizza tasted like metal," says Gelvin.

Gelvin also adds, "During my diagnoses, my husband was a saint! I can't thank him enough. He definitely sacrificed so much and took awesome care of me. My son was really upset [when I started losing my hair], so he shaved his hair off so he could show support for me."

The hardest part of cancer for Gelvin was having to "rely on so many



**Survivors gather behind the Hubbard Center, along with their friends and co-workers, to show that everyone is affected by cancer in one way or another.**



people...I prefer to serve others."

Even though cancer is never an outstanding experience, plenty of positive things can come out of surviving the disease.

Gelvin says, "It may seem cliché, but I truly appreciate and make time for life now—the beauty of creation and the wonderful love of family and friends...Life is lots of twists and turns—but it is great when we go with it and live life to the fullest!"

"I have a very dear friend of mine who took it upon herself to research everything she could about cancer. I will never forget her telling me that the survival rates were higher for people who played an active role in their treatment and who had a good knowledge base about their cancer and diagnosis," says President of Butler Community College, Jackie Vietti.

When Vietti was diagnosed in 1991 with Stage two Inter-ductal adenocarcinoma breast cancer, she did just that!

## Knowledge is Power

"Of course I always listened to my doctors, but I realized that it was up to me to make the final decisions regarding my treatment. I always asked what my options were...and I asked what they would advise their mother, or wife to do in a situation like this... and then I made choices that I felt comfortable with," says Vietti.

At the time of Vietti's diagnosis in 1991, the cure rates for breast cancer weren't as high or as well-known as it is today.

"Many people still thought that any kind of cancer was a fatal diagnosis... Now breast cancer, from a general standpoint, has one

of the highest cure rates of all cancer, especially when it is diagnosed sooner, than later," says Vietti.

Vietti went through 12 chemotherapy treatments during her fight with breast cancer, and received surgery from MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

"...At MD Anderson, I had surgery and was prescribed my chemotherapy protocol, three different drugs, two of which were administered every two weeks for six months, and one of which I took by mouth every day..." says Vietti.

She also adds, "I was told that during my chemotherapy there was a likelihood that I would lose my hair. But, being me, I said I was willing that not to happen. The empathetic people provided me with a wig anyway, which was a very good thing since I lost not only my hair, but also my eyelashes and eyebrows. I recall one day trying to put on mascara and thinking that the bottle was empty. Then it dawned on me that it wasn't the empty bottle, but rather the fact that I had no eyelashes!"

Even though treatments were a struggle, Vietti was determined to

not let her diagnosis knock her down. She continued to work full-time and finish up her doctorate.

"Those [working full-time, and pursuing my doctorate] were good things for me to do, because they kept me from focusing too much on my disease and not enough on enjoying life as it came to me each day and making the most of spending time with those I loved."

Another positive motivator during Vietti's struggle was her extended family, friends and faith. In fact her husband, Ray, accompanied her to every one of her chemotherapy treatments.

Vietti says, "I was blessed with an incredible extended family that was there at every turn of the road, fixing meals when I didn't feel like cooking, taking our children on outings, and laughing as well as crying with me. The night before my husband and I left for MD Anderson... our extended family gathered at our house for a huge meal and send-off.



**Karen Gelvin , Susie Van Tries, Pam Hendrix and Jackie Vietti discuss their survival experiences and how happy they are to share their stories.**



"I don't wake each morning without an appreciation for every breath I have been given."

-Susie Van Tries



"I had to learn that there are a lot worse things in life besides cancer."

- Pam Hendrix



They had little gifts for me to open every day when I was in Houston, most of them really funny...it was a tremendous lift to my spirits."

Even though her diagnosis with breast cancer was about 20 years ago, Vietti continues to remember that time in her life.

"Being diagnosed with cancer helped me understand and appreciate who and what really mattered in my life. Conversely, I developed a better realization of the things that didn't really matter in the big scheme of things...I've always been a very independent, self-reliant person. But, through my diagnosis and battle with cancer, I've learned how important it is to let others help you and that there is a balance to be achieved in terms of giving and receiving."

Suzie Van Tries, executive assistant to the Chief Information Officer, was diagnosed with Ductal Carcinoma in-situ, which is a form of breast cancer, and immediately began to communicate with others about cancer, and constantly searching for more knowledge.

all right. Then I visited with Pam Hendrix who had just recently gone through extensive treatment for another kind of cancer, but whose positive attitude and faith in God had always impressed me," says Van Tries. She found encouraging, and inspiring hope from a website that Hendrix gave to her. The website is called Cancer Crusade and sends out e-mail newsletters about survivor experiences. The thought of fighting cancer resurfaced some fear that Van Tries had three years previously with the death of her mother to non-Hodgkin's

lymphoma. "My

sister who went to the surgeon with me when I found out it was cancer, reminded me that it was not a death sentence...my sister became my primary caregiver taking time off from her job, driving me to chemo treatments and surgeries, staying with me sometimes, taking

me home again, and always there to give me encouragement. She and I had been together through our mother's lingering illness and treat-

ments, and I was so glad to have her there," says Van Tries.

Even though the company and help from her sister was comforting and much appreciated, she began to suffer from depression, which becomes very common among fighters of cancer.

She says, "I think the hardest part during my treatment and fight was the depression. I live alone, and the hours when I had to be by myself were difficult because that is when the fear will want to take over and

*"I lived alone, and the hours when I had to be by myself were difficult because that is when the fear will want to take over and drive out faith and hope."*  
-Van Tries

drive out faith and hope...I tried to fill the solitary hours with Scripture memorization and Bible reading, plus reading books from others who had survived cancer."

During her fight with breast cancer, Van Tries regularly visited the Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in El Dorado for treatments, surgeries and checkups.

"The El Dorado hospital was awesome. The nursing staff was very caring, and always joked around with me to keep me from being nervous," says Van Tries.

Van Tries received two sepa-

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## Lending a Helping Hand

"The day after I found out it was cancer, I made an appointment to visit with Dr. Jackie Vietti who is a breast cancer survivor of several years. She talked me through the process of treatment and offered me hope that things would work out



"Any mole that changes on your skin, don't wait, have it checked!"  
- Jody Lawson



"Losing my hair was tough. It was very thick and straight and now it's curly! I feel like I have a (curly) spring in my step- because I'M ALIVE!"  
- Karen Gelvin





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# Student Lifestyles: Dorm Life vs. Home Life

**D**orms, apartments or still living at home are just a few of the living arrangements that college students choose. Each option has a different benefit for a specific student. Every student at Butler has their own opinion on what choice is better.

Some students say living on campus is a better option. Those who live on campus have the choice of living in West, East or Cummins dorms.

Andrew Rawlings, a freshman who lives in East, says, "The best thing about living on campus is the people you get to meet. I've met a lot of different people that have the same values that makes me feel at home."

Roommate issues are very common with first year students. Being thrown into an environment one is not used to can cause conflicts between roommates. Such conflicts are started by arguing over space or if a very organized person is placed with someone not as organized.

Ashley McQuary, Newton freshman, lives in Cummins. She enjoys living on campus but has had trouble adjusting to living with someone she didn't know.

"You have to work with your roommate. Sometimes it doesn't work out and you have to move. The boundaries you set at the beginning of the year, you need to follow and be honest and talk about the problem if a problem comes up," says McQuary.

Rawlings has had a good experience with his two roommates so far.

"It wasn't really hard being put with two people I didn't know. I get along with my roommates. They're cool," says Rawlings.

Living on campus opens opportunities for students to socialize while earning a higher education.

Not everyone that attends Butler lives on campus. Some students have their reasons for living off campus.

Living off campus at Butler can open many new opportunities for student lifestyles. Students living off campus are given the chance to save money instead of paying for rent.

Kayly Simon lives at home in Augusta. She has been living there since high school.

She says that living at home during college allows her to save money and keep track of her finances.

"The cost of things is the best







advantage and I don't have to buy groceries or meals to eat. My parents buy them," says Simon.

The advantages of living at home range from saving money, getting free food from parents and a little more freedom.

"I like living at home because my parents pay for everything, including the cellphone bill and food," says Alex Link, Towanda.

Some opinions of students agree with the statement that living on campus would allow more involvement with campus life and student organizations.

Different organizations require more time on campus than spent taking classes, so joining student organizations takes a lot of time and effort.

Not all students living on campus want to stay; most saying the cement walls in the dorms make it hard to put pictures up.

"I wish I lived off campus. The dorms don't really feel like home, and I want to be able to decorate like some," says freshman Courtney Frye, Council Grove.

Although not all students would like to live at home, the benefits, according to some, keep them at home versus living in the dorms.





# Through the lens:



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**T**hroughout the first part of this fall 2009 semester, I have been getting to know 21-year-old James Bumpass, Wichita sophomore. James suffers from cerebral palsy, and is forced to use his motorized wheelchair to get around. Each morning James has an aid come into his room to help him prepare for the day ahead. Although he has been dealt what most would consider a tough hand, he does not use his disability as an excuse, nor does he expect to be treated any better or less than his fellow Butler Grizzly peers.







# James Bumpass

I approached James and asked him if he would allow me to do a photographic essay on him, to try and convey the college life from his perspective. He was more than willing to give me the privilege to do the story on him. After talking to James for awhile, it was obvious he was no different than any other student. One thing that stands out as soon as you meet James is his love for the St. Louis Cardinals major league baseball team. Almost every day you can count on seeing him with one of his several Cardinals hats and shirts on. When thinking about how I wanted to present James in this story, I wanted to show not just the adversity he faces due to his disability, but also the relationships he has with people in his life, his goals and plans for his future, and also his love and knowledge for sports.





Logan Jones/Grizzly

Usually one of the first things you notice about James is he is always wearing a baseball hat. When describing his hat collection James said, "If you want to get technical, I probably have about 70 or 80 caps total. I also have 5 or 6 with my name on them. Hats are like purses for me. It's probably why my hair is already starting to thin out, because I wear hats all of the time." And there is only one team James pledges his allegiance to, the St. Louis Cardinals. James said he became a Cardinals fan because, "My father has been a fan since the 60s, so I just kind of jumped on the bandwagon with him. And as it turns out they have been really good, so I just kind of stuck with them."



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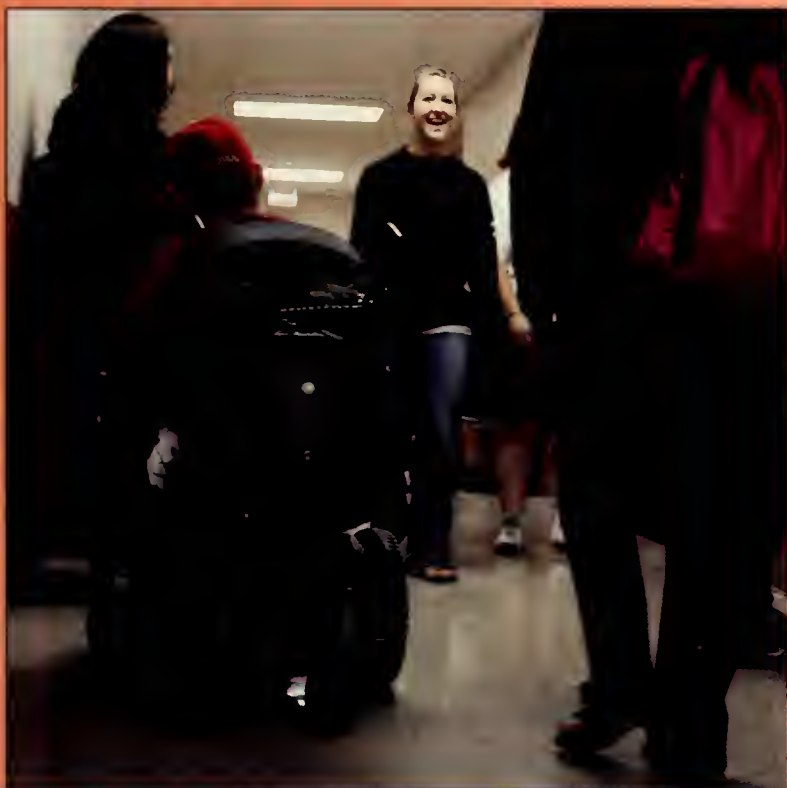
Four times a day James' care attendant, Dawn Wygle, meets with James to check on him, do exercises, and other things that might need to be taken care of. Their first meeting is early in the morning, around 7 a.m. Wygle has been working with the handicapped for 15 years and says, "I find it very rewarding. I just love to help people."





Logan Jones/Grizzly

When talking about her relationship with James, Wygle described it by saying, "James and I have a really good working relationship. We like to joke around which makes our visits a little more relaxed. He teases me a lot by saying I am his mother away from home." She said that she hasn't found anything that is difficult about working with James.



Logan Jones/Grizzly

Even though he suffers from cerebral palsy, and is forced to use a wheelchair to get around, James says, "I don't use my disability as an excuse. I don't think I should be treated any better or worse than anyone else."



Logan Jones/Grizzly

One of the main reasons James chose to attend Butler was because he thought it was very handicapped accessible. "When I came to visit Butler, I really liked how it seemed they showed concern for the handicapped. Almost every building on Butler's El Dorado campus has been set up so people in wheelchairs can access them."



Logan Jones/Grizzly

21-year-old James Bumpass has a cumulative GPA of over 3.5. He says he is planning on majoring in history, as well as studying special education. He would like to become a teacher someday.



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**I**t's a saying that we hear all too often these days, "Because of the economy...." As college students, most of us probably don't realize what this over-used saying really means. For some of us though, it is

what determined where we would be going after high school.

Because of the economy, Butler has seen a significant rise in enrollment this semester. From about 8,476 students enrolled at the same time last year, to 9,555 students that are currently enrolled in classes at Butler, a difference of over 1,000 students. This can be compared to Wichita State

University's undergraduate enrollment from the same time last year of about 11,600 students, to their enrollment of about 11,704 current students; a minimal difference of only 104 people.

Heather Ward, Financial Aid Counselor, says that, "Generally, community colleges offer a low student-to-teacher ratio. This means more interaction with the teacher, which aids in the learning process and retention. Most teachers know their students' names and offer open-door policies which allow students to seek assistance from the instructor directly."

Along with Butler, community colleges all over the country have been seeing enrollment increases. A large reason for the enrollment increases is due to the cheaper tuition rates that community colleges can offer compared to the larger four-year universities.

Butler's low tuition rates are very competitive to Wichita State's higher tuition rates. An in-state student would pay about 125 percent

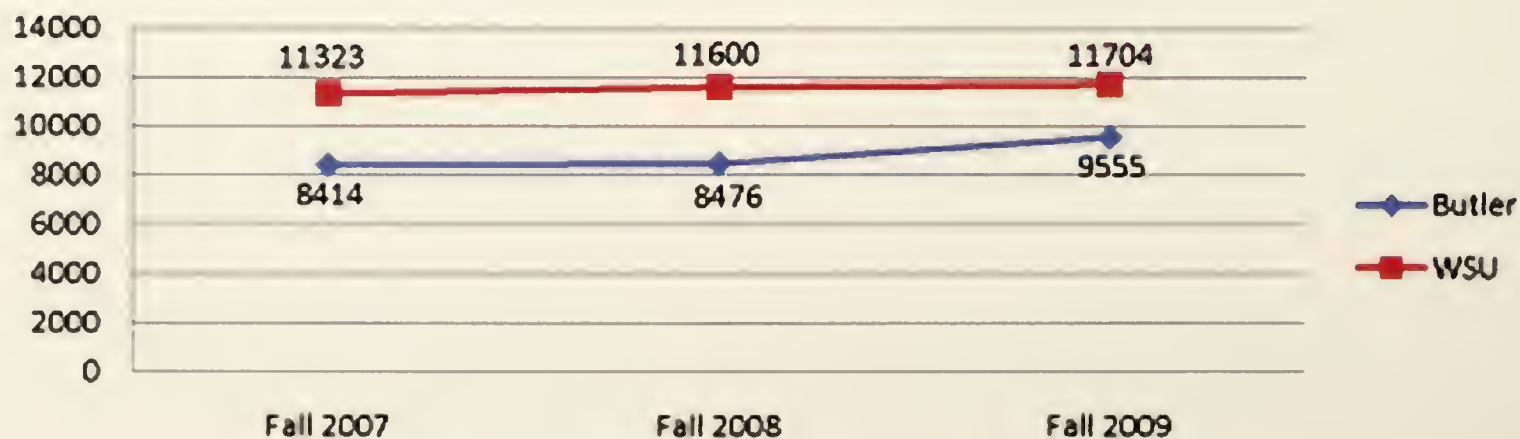
more per credit hour at WSU than they would at Butler. An out of state student would pay a staggering 245 percent more per credit hour at WSU.

"Community colleges offer a quality education at a fraction of the price. For many degrees, most general education requirements are the same-- English, Math, etc. Why not get more for your money?" Ward says.

Take for example: a male Kansas resident living in the dorms for one semester and taking 16 credit hours would pay about \$3,371.50 at Butler and about \$5,520 at WSU, more than a \$2,000 difference. When you are a college student, \$2,000 can be a large chunk of change that could go toward a number of other things.

Whether we came here to complete general education classes or because of the wallet-friendly tuition, it is easy to see why Butler, or another community college, can be a far better choice financially than a four-year institution.

## Butler vs WSU



Daric McCoy/ Grizzly



# Butler

One year in West Dorms-  
\$2650.00

19 Meal Plan for one year-  
\$1550.00

Parking Permit- Free!

One credit hour for in-state  
tuition- \$63.50

One credit hour for out-of-state  
tuition- \$113.50

Student fee per credit hour-  
\$15.50

Registration Fee- \$7.50

# WSU

One year in Brennan Hall=  
\$2640.00

19 Meal Plan for one year-  
\$2710.00

Parking Permit- \$20.00

One credit hour for in-state  
tuition- \$149.90

One credit hour for out-of-state  
tuition- \$417.70

Student fee per credit hour-  
\$27.60

Registration Fee- \$17.00

Source: [www.wichita.edu](http://www.wichita.edu)



“ I came here because  
it was cheaper. I  
would  
have  
chosen the  
cheaper  
school. ”

-Freshman  
JoAnna  
Stock,  
Augusta



“ I just wanted to get my cores  
done. ”

-Freshman Jason Snavelly,  
Haysville



“ I believe students should  
choose a community  
college to  
get the  
best value  
for their  
money. Be a  
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ard of your  
money. ”

-Heather Ward,  
Financial Aid  
Counselor

Daric McCoy/ Grizzly

Gordon Cave/ Grizzly

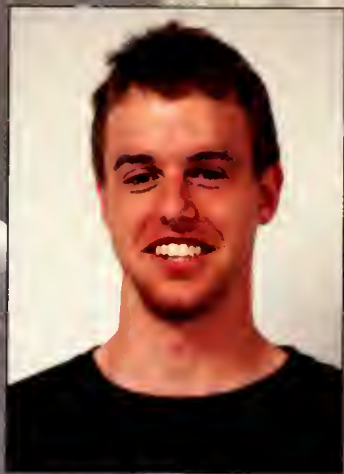
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## Running Rampant



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Media**

The trails of the Grizzly cross-country team started in Ark City at the Cowley County Invitational. It is now midway through the season and they have a few good meets on their belt including one right here in El Dorado.

The Grizzlies have their main runners that finish up front week in and week out but also have some unsung heroes on the team.

also have some good runners who do not get as much attention such as Renee Simon, sophomore, Leon. Simon is a consistent runner but has been hampered by injury throughout the season. If she can get back to full health she will be a good runner for the

The women have had consistent front-runners Patrober Murindat and Jylian Jaloma who finish at the top of the ranks week in and week out. But they



Logan Jones/Grizzly

**Butler cross-country coach Kirk Hunter shakes the hand of Ollie Isom. Hunter called Isom, "a legend in junior college cross-country."**



Grizzlies. Another runner on the women's side that does not get as much attention but has been flying right under the radar setting her own personal records has been Katie Brunner, sophomore, Haysville.

The men as well as the women have two really good runners that stand out among everyone else in Joel Rop, sophomore, Kenya, and Jackson Toroitich. One of the unsung heroes of the men's cross-country team is Marcos Bailon, sophomore, Phoenix. Bailon has been right under the radar all season waiting to have a break out meet and really run to the best of his abilities. Abel Assela has also been a Grizzly cross-country runner that has been under the radar. Assela has had a couple of really good meets where he has been one of the top runners on the team, and had coach Kirk Hunter talk about how well he did but is still trying to finish out this year's cross-country season.

The cross-country team overall has had a very satisfying year. Coach Hunter said the runners have improved each week in practice, and it has shown up every week as they go to run in meets.

The Grizzlies are training hard, trying to finish out the season on a high note where they still have post season races to run before they transition to the track.

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**Jackson Toroitich, Kenya sophomore, runs in the Ollie Isom Invitational. Toroitich ran a good race and finished in second place.**



Logan Jones/Grizzly

**Butler cross-country runner Patrober Murindat, Kenya sophomore, leads the Ollie Isom Invitational race at Wartick Farm in El Dorado. Murindat kept up the pace and went on to finish in first place.**





Ethan Denton  
**Student Sports  
Media**



Dan Page  
**Student Sports  
Media**

# New Season, Same Tradition

After the 2008 season gave the Grizzly football team its sixth national championship and the second time that the team went back-to-back as national champions, only one question remained...could the Grizzlies 3-peat? They are in the midst of that quest right in now in the 2009 campaign with a 5-1 record and a #4 national ranking.

This season has started very similar to last year's national title run, beginning with a game versus Blinn, this time taking place in Brenham, Texas, the home of the Buccaneers who handed the Grizzlies their only defeat in 2008.

The game was a 4 p.m. kickoff in the hot Texas sun which resulted in game time temperatures nearing 100

F. But the heat did not seem to affect the Grizzlies in the first half as they took the lead. Quarterback Ross Dausin first tossed a 39 yard touchdown strike to Marcus Kennard, then followed that up with a 69 yard bomb to Dontel Watkins and the Grizzlies led 17-3. But the Bucs answered at the end of the first half with a touchdown of their own and Butler took a seven point lead into the locker room. Dausin had thrown for 243 yards by half-time.

The second half saw the Grizzly lead slowly evaporate as the offense was

unable to move the ball due to poor execution and penalties. After a scoreless third quarter, Blinn finally found its way in the fourth. With just less than two minutes remaining, QB Cameron Newton scored on a 4 yard plunge to give Blinn a 24-17 lead. And just like last season the Grizzlies were unable to answer and they suffered another opening game defeat.

"I was very disappointed in the lack of discipline our football team showed (in the game)," Head Coach Troy Morrell said.

In week two the Grizzlies faced the Dodge City Conquistadors on the road in an opportunity to rebound from the loss at Blinn.

They jumped out to a 13-0 lead before Dodge got on the board late in the first half. But the Grizzlies answered right back with a long touchdown pass from Dausin to Kennard and Butler led 20-7 at the break.

Butler then put together arguably their best offensive half of football so far this season as they put 31 on the board and dominated the Conqs right to the very end. The Grizzlies got out of Dodge with a 51-7 victory.

In week 3, the Grizzlies faced the Garden City Bronco-busters at Wichita State's Cessna Sta-



Logan Jones/Grizzly

**Butler defensive ends Scott Smith, Kailua, Hawaii sophomore, and Cornellius Carradine, Cincinnati, Ohio, freshman, sack the Dodge City quarterback and force a fumble. Smith had two sacks on the day and Carradine had one in a 51-7 Grizzly bash-**





Logan Jones/Grizzly

**Butler Head Football Coach Troy Morrell receives a celebratory deluge after getting his 100th victory as Butler's head man. Morrell has led the Grizzlies to three national championships in his 10 years as head coach, and is aiming for a fourth this season.**

dium. Butler picked up right where they left off against Dodge City as they stormed out of the gates and led 17-0 at halftime. Penalties marred the second half and neither team scored. The dominant Grizzly defense picked up its only shutout of the season so far, 17-0.

Coming into their first game at Galen Blackmore Stadium, the Grizzlies knew their match-up with Air Force Prep was not to be taken lightly. Prep came out the gates on their first possession and went up 7-0 on a deep bomb, catching the Butler defense off-guard. However, the Grizzlies continued to battle and finished the Husky attack, winning 30-17.

Running back Ricky Jacques, Liberal sophomore, carried the team offensively powering his way to 151 yards on 18 carries for the day. The Grizzlies were now 3-1 and Coach Morrell was just one win away from reaching the century mark.

Coffeyville was next on the menu for Butler as they planned to 'black out' the Red Ravens at home on Sept. 26. Late in the second quarter Dausin hooked up with wide receiver Jonathan Owens, Topeka sophomore, on a 30 touchdown pass. The Grizzlies led 7-0 at halftime, but shortly into the third quarter Coffeyville struck and tied the game,

7-7. Dausin threw for two touchdown passes in the quarter to Brett Soft, Wichita freshman, and Arrison Davis, Kansas City sophomore, and that was enough to tack on another victory 30-14. The win gave coach Morrell his 100th win of his head coaching career.

"It felt great to get the win for coach," Dausin said.

Butler next traveled to Hutchinson with a show-down with the rejuvenated Blue Dragons. This one came down to the final seconds. The game was tied 10-10 with less than three minutes remaining when Dausin led Kenard on a beautifully thrown pass which was taken deep inside Blue Dragon territory.

Minutes later, Logan Ortiz kicked a game-winning field goal from 32 yards to win 13-10.

Butler now had the momentum to carry on for the rest of the season with a 5-1 record and three conference games to play.

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**Grizzly quarterback Ross Dausin, San Antonio, Texas sophomore, tries to break free of a Blinn Buccaneer tackler while playing the opening game of the season in Brenham, Texas. The Grizzlies lost the game 24-17, but Dausin threw for 294 yards and two touchdowns, his best game of the season thus far.**





Logan Jones  
**Photo & Sports  
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# Grizzly soccer gets offensive

The 2009 Butler Grizzly soccer campaign began with a lot of optimism about the season. Unlike last season, when the Grizzlies finished 16-5 overall, there are 11 returners: Sarah Flaherty, Tonganoxie, Beth Biehler, McPherson, Sade Humphrey, Salina, Maribel Hernandez, Dodge City, Bertha Fajardo, Oklahoma City, Okla., Ortensia Alcantara, Garden City, Gina Hernandez, Liberal, CJ Dean, Wichita, Denise Banuelos, Liberal, Shelbie Walburn, Wichita, and CJ Langrehr, Augusta. New to the team this year are the 10 freshmen: Kacy Hale, Wichita, Chelsey McCaleb, Towanda, Taylor Weber, Wichita, Cindy Benitez, Garden City, Danielle Matthews, San Jose, Calif., Haley Cain, Diamond Bar, Calif., Molly Coppadge, Matthews, N.C., Ashley Janda, McPherson, Christa VanHofwegen, San Diego, Calif. and Jordan Gagne, Tonganoxie.



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**After scoring the winning goal in double overtime, Cindy Benitez, Garden City freshman, jumps in celebration as a Johnson County Cavalier walks off of the field in disappointment. Benitez ranks in the top three in the NJCAA in points scored.**

Head Coach Adam Hunter, now in his third season, and the Grizzlies started the season off with the Barton Tournament in Great Bend. Butler took care of business and



came home with two victories over Western Nebraska and Dakota County.

After an easy 8-0 win against N. Oklahoma-Tonkawa in the first home game of the season, it was time for Butler to take a road trip to Texas to face two of the nation's top teams.

In hot Corsicana, the first opponent was Navarro College. It was a tough game against a tough team. The Grizzlies were held scoreless, losing 6-0. The very next day they had to play the then #1, and defending national champions, Lewis and Clark. This time the game was close, but Butler still fell 3-2.

Then the Grizzlies got hot, winning three in a row in shutout fashion. They beat Garden City, NEO and



Logan Jones/Grizzly

**Now in his third season as Butler women's soccer head coach, Adam Hunter has the Grizzlies running on all cylinders this season. Butler has been ranked in every NJCAA top 15 poll this season.**

Hesston, all away games, by a combined score of 38-0.

Upon returning to El Dorado and playing their first home game in over two weeks, the Grizzlies welcomed then #4 Iowa Western. With each time matching one another the entire game, it ended in a 2-2 tie after two overtime periods.

Staying hot, Butler annihilated Cloud County and Independence. Then came another highly ranked team, Laramie County. The Grizzlies fell behind early and could never fully catch back up, and lost 3-2.

Dodge City and Cowley County posed little threat. Butler beat both them quite readily.

On Oct. 7, rival Johnson County came to the Grizzlies' home pitch for a match that would be one of the best in Butler soccer history.

At half-time the Grizzlies trailed by one, but with 20 minutes to go in the game, Butler scored and tied it up. After one overtime it was still tied. But in the second overtime period Cindy Benitez got a shot on goal, and into the net, giving the Grizzlies a 2-1 victory. The Butler crowd and bench erupted. This was the first time Hunter and assistant coach Ernesto Alcantara beat Johnson County as Butler coaches.

Unfortunately, the Grizzlies stumbled against the Hutchinson Blue Dragons in Hutch, losing 2-0. It was their first Jayhawk Conference loss.

Getting back on the winning track, Butler defeated Allen County in Iola 2-0.

With three games remaining until the post season begins, including a tough match against Barton County in Great Bend, the Grizzlies are hoping to end the regular season on a winning streak.

Cindy Benitez and Sade Humphrey have both been in the top five in points scored in the NJCAA for most of the season. Both have been KJCCC players of the week. Benitez broke the single game record for goals, a record Humphrey set last year. Humphrey got her record back the very next game, scoring eight goals against Hesston. Coach Hunter needs only one word to describe his team. "Our team shows great resiliency. We never stop fighting," Hunter says.

The thing that has stood out so far this season is the play of the Grizzly offense. They have scored 109 goals, including 85 in an eight-game stretch, with three regular season games still to be played.



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**Powering her way through the Independence defense all game, Sade Humphrey, Salina sophomore, torched the Pirates with six goals and two assists. Humphrey, along with teammate Cindy Benitez, ranks in the top three in scoring in the entire NJCAA.**

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# Lady Grizzlies battle with confidence



Bryant Brunner

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into it ranked #12 in the nation. The team then had to play Neosho County Community College. They won again (25-15, 25-22, 25-19), and this put them in the championship game for the tournament. They had to play Coffeyville Community College, which is one of Butler's biggest rivals. The Grizzlies won in 5 games (25-18, 19-25, 22-25, 25-19, 15-13).

Crystal Blue, Augusta sophomore, and Natalie Caldarera, Towanda sophomore, earned honors for their tournament efforts, getting best of offensive player and top libero. Coach Rick Younger was very pleased with the play of his team.

Then the next Wednesday they played at Neosho County again, but Neosho got the best of the Grizzlies this time around, beating the Grizzlies in four games. The team then traveled to Northern Oklahoma-Enid College and beat them in three games. Butler then played Fort Scott and swept them in three straight games. The Grizzlies stood at 6-1 now and were looking very good going into the Subway Classic in Columbus, Neb.

The Butler volleyball team got off to a roaring start this season with four straight wins and a championship at their own tournament, here in El Dorado. They played Labette Community College first in the tournament and won (25-16, 25-18, 25-12). Then it was on to Fort Scott Community College, which they won again (25-23, 25-10, 25-22).

The Grizzlies had confidence on their side this whole tournament, especially as they came

Butler started the weekend off great with a win over Southeast Community College-Nebraska (25-11, 25-23, 25-22). Then the weekend took a bad turn for the Grizzlies, losing to Casper Wyo. Community College in three games. The team then had to face arguably their toughest test of the season with the #4 team in Div. I volleyball, Iowa Western Community College. Butler lost in three games. The final game the team played was against Longview, Mo. Community College. It took four long games, but the Grizzlies pulled it out and got the victory.

Butler finished out that week with a Jayhawk Conference game against Highland Community College. They lost in four

games. Head Coach Rick Younger said, "We struggled from the very beginning, we never got into the rhythm of the game, but we are continuing to learn." At this point the Grizzlies were 8-4 overall and



Logan Jones/Grizzly

**Butler Grizzlies head volleyball coach, Rick Younger, addresses his team before a match. Younger is in his seventh year as the Grizzlies head coach.**

1-2 in conference play.

The team then had two conference games against Independence Community College and Labette Community College. They played Independence first on Monday, Sept. 21 and beat the Lady Pirates in three straight games. Crystal Blue led the team again in kills with 14, as she has done almost all season.





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**During a match against Hesston, Demetria Williams, Wichita sophomore, blocks a potential kill from a Lark opponent. The Grizzlies won in straight sets.**

Demetria Williams, Wichita sophomore, had 6 kills in that game also. Butler then played Labette CC on Wednesday, Sept. 23, in El Dorado. The Grizzlies handled the Cardinals in three games (25-15, 25-22, 25-18). Crystal Blue led the Grizzlies with 14 kills and 13 digs. Younger said, "We played at a lower level than we should; we need to take our play to a higher level."

The Grizzlies have played consistent most of the season and were going into the Hesston Tournament on Sept. 25-26, with a chip on their shoulder and they turned that into a championship. The team beat Allen County Community College in the first round, in three games, then they beat Highland Community College in the second round, in four games and were looking unstoppable at this point in the tournament.

Butler then played Dodge City Community College in the third round and won in four games. Now the Grizzlies were in the championship game for the second straight year, facing last year's NJCAA Division III champions and #1 in the polls this year, Brookhaven College of Texas. The Grizzlies played with tremendous heart and determination, winning in 5 games. Butler won the Hesston Tournament championship.

Butler had two Jayhawk Conference games following the tournament against Allen CC and Hesston CC. The team won both in three games each. The Grizzlies had 8 wins in a row and were arguably the hottest team in the Jayhawk Conference, and jumped back into the national spotlight, being ranked #19 in the Div. II polls.

The team then traveled to Council Bluffs, Iowa, carrying a 16-4 record overall and 4-2 in conference play. They lost three straight games to #7 Iowa Western, Iowa Lakes, and Longview, Mo. They salvaged the weekend with a win over #16 Central Nebraska. The Grizzlies were banged up for this tournament with both of their freshman middles being out with injuries.

The same week they had to play Kansas City, Kansas Community College, after only one day's rest. Butler traveled to Northern Oklahoma-Enid the very next weekend. The Grizzlies would like this tournament outcome better than the last, winning all three games against Northern Oklahoma-Enid, Yavapai College, Arizona and Eastfield College, Texas. The Grizzlies are 20-9 overall and 4-4 in Jayhawk Conference play.

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**Natalie Calderera, Towanda sophomore, keeps the ball in play during a home match at the Power Plant. Calderera is the Grizzlies team captain.**





Megan Mahurin  
Staff Writer

# Food Reviews

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elicious, satisfying, and juicy. Those are just some of the words that came to mind when I visited some of these off-campus restaurant options. These low budget restaurants are definitely a better option than any fast-food restaurant.

## Double D's



### A Family Restaurant!

Named after the owners Don and Debbie Duvall, Double D's Cafe is located at 127 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. in El Dorado. When first entering this restaurant, you hear country music lightly playing in the background, and feel as if you've just stepped into a small town cafe. You see small groups of people engaging over their freshly cooked lunch.

You're greeted with smiles, and friendly hellos from all. Even though the restaurant was populated with an older crowd, I felt welcome.

Once you've seated yourself, your waitress comes to get your drinks, and give you their menu. As you open the menu you see an organized, easy to read, list of items with neat descriptions underneath each heading. These items

ranged from pancakes to steak. As noted before, I ate there through the lunch shift. I read through their items listing off things like Hamburgers, Meat Loaf and KC Strips. All of these were reasonably priced. I decided to read about the Meat Loaf. The description lying beneath the heading stated, 'made with our very own recipe.' It also said that the dinners are served with a choice of potato, vegetable, side salad and a roll. It sounded pretty good to me. So I ordered the Meat Loaf, a baked potato, corn, and Italian dressing for my side salad.

I received my tossed salad with Italian dressing and after about a 10 to 15 minute wait, the rest of my meal was placed in front of me. The Meat Loaf,

cooked to perfection, tasted great. This meal was definitely one that reminded me of home, not quite the same, but definitely a good close match. And if Meat Loaf isn't a favorite of yours, I also taste tested the KC Strip. It was seasoned and cooked perfectly to order. It was tender, and full of flavor! Although the KC Strip was a bit higher in price, if you're willing to pay the small increase, then it is definitely worth it. These dishes are ones I would definitely order again, and as for a rating on the restaurant in general, I would have to give them a 3 out of 5, for their courtesy, good food, and atmosphere.

"A Small Town Feel!"

## Oklahoma Boy's BBQ

### Pulled Pork and Ribs!

From Oklahoma, to Liberal, to El Dorado, that's the trip this restaurant has traveled to get to us. Now they are located at 626 N. Main.

The owners are Terry Keeton and his daughter Stevie Keeton. This restaurant is very casual, with the sports memorabilia placed on the walls. This facility has history just hanging everywhere for all to see.

When walking in, you see not only the memorabilia and a friendly face behind the counter but you also see the menu on the far back wall, which has been turned into a huge chalkboard. Some

items listed were Ribs, Brisket, Pulled Pork, and Smoked Turkey. All of these options, along with Hot Links, Smoked Ham, Smoked Sausage, can be either purchased by the pound, in a dinner combo or on a sandwich. I chose a brisket sandwich with chips. Stevie rang my order up, which totaled under \$7.

In under 5 minutes my order was brought to me. It was served on a paper plate. The waitress also brought three different flavors of BBQ sauce; Carolina style, Hot, Regular. After tasting them all I decided that I personally like the Carolina style and Regular.

My brisket sandwich was juicy, but needed a little bit more flavor. To fix this I added the Carolina style sauce. Once doing so, the sandwich tasted great.

As for a rating for this restaurant, I would give this restaurant a 4 out of 5, for flavor, speedy service, and interesting scenery. Even though they had great food and service, I didn't, however, like the fact that everything was served on paper plates and you had to use plastic utensils. Although that wouldn't keep me from going back to get some of that tasty brisket.



"Affordable"





## Spicy, yet Delicious!

Chili, Chili, Chili! That's what's up at Susie's Chili Parlor and Other Fine Foods! Owned by Susie Gillis, Susie's is a nice, friendly restaurant in downtown El Dorado. Located at 124 S. Main, this restaurant is definitely a place to try out.

As I walked into the restaurant I saw tables lined in two rows and bar stools along the counter.

When you look at Susie's menu you see all sorts of types of items. These items range from Breakfast Egg Combos and Sandwiches to Chili and Low Calorie Platters. As I browsed the

menu some more I realized that everything was very reasonably priced.

The waitress came to take my order. It was a cool and cloudy day, so nothing sounded as good or as nice as a hot bowl of chili.

While I was waiting on my food, some pictures of El Dorado really caught my eye. Some of these pictures were black and white and others were color. They definitely helped pass the time, because what seemed like 2 minutes was really about 10 and my food was delivered.

After adding some crackers to my chili, I took a spoonful into my mouth. The chili was warm and delicious. It left my taste buds tingling with spiciness. This bowl of chili was one of those types of chili where it is just a little too spicy and somewhat hot, but I had to have another bite because it's just that flavorful.

The only problem was that with the spicy flavor, I

needed water to cool my mouth down, but the waitress didn't come around often enough to refill my water.

As I got further into my bowl of chili, it seemed as if it was growing. Like in some mysterious way, more chili was being added to my bowl.

I ended up not finishing my bowl of chili. Do not get me wrong; it sure was not because of taste. Susie's chili was one of the best I have tasted. The result of me not finishing was because of the amount I received. The bowl I received my chili in was not only deep but it was wide. I could've easily placed a grapefruit into it.

In the end my order came up to about \$5. Now that's a good deal for a great meal.

As for a rating on this restaurant in general, I would give this restaurant a 4 out of 5. This was one of the best bowls of chili I have ever tasted, but like I said before, it was a bit too spicy. So, if you're not a fan of spicy, definitely order extra water. I know I had to. Even so, this restaurant had good taste and a fun atmosphere. I will be eating there again.

**"Good Deal for a Great Meal!"**

# LOUIS' CAFE



## Small, yet Satisfying

Quaint, cozy, and delicious food. Those are just some of the descriptions that come to mind when eating at Louis' Cafe in El Dorado.

Placed on the east side of the road, Louis' is located at 710 S. Main. Louis' Cafe, owned and managed by Louis Foreman, is far enough down the street that as you drive you start thinking 'Wow did I pass it?' But just as you start to question your actions, there it is.

The restaurant is somewhat pushed back from the road, making it harder to find. It does make it quite a bit easier to park.

Even though you'll have quite a selection for parking, good luck finding a seat. If this restaurant were to hold 40 people it would be over its limit on occupation. This restaurant is small and might remind you of being in a small village, with its wood room dividers, and green

vine wound around the top of them.

I sat myself and the waitress came to get my drink order and give the menu. With a smile on her face, she also told me of the daily specials, which was a soup recommended as delicious.

I received my water and gave the waitress my order. I decided not to have the soup. It wasn't a very cold day so I wasn't in the mood for it. Instead, I decided to order a bacon-cheeseburger and onion rings. This ran about \$7 total.

After about 10 minutes my food was brought to me. The cheeseburger I had ordered was about half the size of the plate, and, filling in the rest of the blank space, was what looked like a mountain of onion rings.

The very instant I bit into Louis' big 1/2 lb. cheeseburger I got a rush of flavor, and an uncontrol-

lable 'mmmmmmmmmm' slipped out of my mouth. The meat was seasoned perfectly and cooked just right.

After devouring half of my burger I thought 'I should probably work on the mound of onion rings before I get full.' I took a bite of one of the onion rings and burnt my mouth. They had been sitting there on my plate for about three to four minutes and they were still hot.

Overall, this restaurant was clean, the food was great, and the people were nice, making it an excellent experience. Although this restaurant is small and sort of off to the side, that's what makes it such a great find. As for a rating on this restaurant, I would give them a 4 out of 5, even though I burnt myself on their onion rings, because they still provided great-tasting food, great service and a welcoming atmosphere.

**"Small in size, Big in taste!"**

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rate chemotherapy treatments.

The first drug was administered every other week for eight weeks, and the second set of drugs was administered every other week for eight weeks for a total of 16 weeks. She also endured a lumpectomy to remove the tumor, and a second surgery to excise tissue around where the tumor had been, and to remove

lymph nodes. Before starting chemotherapy, Van Tries also had a portacath inserted, which would allow the chemotherapy drugs to be injected in a drip.

"Going through the treatments and recovery only kept me from work-

ing on days when I had the treatments and for a while during the time until the next treatment...Also, the fatigue from the surgeries and chemo didn't

allow me to do much more than lie on the couch. I had no appetite and nothing was very interesting to me—not television, movies, or even reading," says Van Tries.

Van Tries never believed that her diagnosis with breast cancer would lead her to advocacy in several cancer support groups and committees. She has become greatly involved in American Cancer Society, Relay for Life as the Mission and Advocacy Chair, and in

the ACS Cancer Action Network as the District four Action Chair. In these committees, she helps plan events, and work to communicate the need for cancer research legislation.

"I have wonderful friends who have walked their own journey

through treatment and survivorship and we all have a strong desire to see cancer cured. I don't wake each morning without an appreciation for every breath I have been given. I dare to try new things and my perspective on life has changed...I don't want to have any regrets at the end of my life because I didn't dare to do the things I say I have always wanted to do... Guess you could say that I have a Bucket List and I plan to fulfill it," says Van Tries.

She continues, "Life is wonderful! My life has been given back to me for a reason. If I can do anything to help another to survive this hard thing called cancer, I will do it. My greatest desire is to offer hope to others—and help them defeat the fear that comes with hearing 'you have cancer.'"

Every six months Suzie Van Tries goes back to the doctor for checkups, and so far her breast cancer has stayed in remission.

Even though you may not have known Pam Hendrix, Karen Gelvin, Jackie Vietti or Susie Van Tries before reading their courageous and inspirational survival stories, we hope that now you can carry some of their strength and courage to others battling the same disease, or that it may help you in your own struggle with cancer. EVERYONE is affected directly, or indirectly, sometime in their life by cancer. For one person it could be a mother, a father, or a son, and for another it could be a best friend, but together we can help fight cancer! Log onto [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) to help find ways that you can help the survivors be heard and ways to prevent cancer in the lives of many.

*"...I don't want to have any regrets at the end of my life because I didn't dare to do the things I say I have always wanted to do."*

*-Van Tries*



"I've always been strong-willed. So, at some point in time I decided I was not going to let this diagnosis get the best of me."

- Jackie Vietti



"Faith and family got me through it!"

- Teresa Long



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Also, the "public option" will be set in place for the people who cannot get it through work. It is there so people can get insurance through the government, much like Medicare. They would still have to pay, but it would be not for profit. Republicans like to say that the government needs to stay out of the individual's personal life, including healthcare. A government run healthcare reform is not what this country needs, so they say. Well wait just a minute. I don't see the right-wingers complaining about receiving a Social Security check, or the senior citizens not wanting Medicare (both are government run). And how hypocritical is it that they, the conservatives, don't want the government to get in between the patient and the doctor, but that is exactly what they want when it comes to abortion? They want to take away the woman's right to make healthcare decisions between

her and her physician. The polls show that the vast majority of the nation is fine with their current plans. Sure they are, because they have it. You know who wasn't a part of these polls? Over 45 million Americans, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, because they don't have any healthcare insurance. I wish the Republicans would stop being on the side of big insurance companies, and stand up for the people who don't have anything.

Most recently, our Commander-in-Chief has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. While it came as a surprise to many, including the winner himself, it doesn't mean he is not deserving. It just goes to show that the world really does believe that he is trying to reunite the severed ties and bring a change for the better. One of the very first things the president did when he got into office was lift the ban on embryonic stem cell research, something Nancy Reagan was happy to see. He is trying to help college students like myself and fellow Butler Grizzlies afford to go to college by expanding college financial aid, and by making federal programs more efficient and

beneficial to students. He nominated Sonia Sotomayor, a more than worthy candidate, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. On Aug. 8, 2009, she assumed the role. She became only the third female justice and first Hispanic justice.

On a personal note, I traveled to Costa Rica this summer and spent some time with some fantastic, brilliant people. I could not help but be so proud to hear the words the native Costa Ricans spoke about President Obama. They said when they see him on television speaking, it is powerful and brings optimism. Sadly, they could not say the same about our former President George W. Bush. I guess that is what I feel the biggest achievement President Obama has accomplished thus far, bringing on a new, more positive viewpoint on our country. Instead of avoiding the world and trying to shun other countries, he has tried to make America what we once were, a country that cares for others and shares opportunity.

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trillion dollar price tag. After all of the government spending this year, the U.S. debt has risen to almost \$12 trillion. Obama and fellow Democrats such as Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, seem to think that by spending more money, it would help us out of our increasing debt and job loss. One of Obama's first goals in office was to pass a \$787 billion (originally higher) stimulus bill designed to "stimulate" the economy and save the unemployment rate from jumping past eight percent. While Democrats and the mainstream media continue to try to convince Americans that the stimulus is working, more Americans are experiencing job loss everyday. According to [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov), unemployment hit 9.8 percent in September, and is expected to soar beyond 10 percent by year's end. To put this in perspective, the stimulus bill not only costs more than World War II, but also major events such as the Louisiana Purchase, the Race to the Moon, NASA, the Vietnam War and the Invasion of Iraq combined.

The idea of "spending your way out of debt" is sort of like saying that you are going on a chocolate cake/no-exercise diet and expect to lose weight. America needs to realistically look at the failures, learn from them and avoid them like the plague. No matter what party one is affiliated with, you can't spend more money and expect to get out of debt. In fact, the economy was doing just fine before all of the government-induced (bad) home loans, government-enticed speculation by Wall Street, the subsequent bailouts and spending that continues to spiral at a scary rate. Why add more financial strain with a trillion dollar health bill that most Americans don't want? Maybe it has less to do with healthcare than it does with expanding government control over our lives. Otherwise, the liberal politicians and Hollywood elite (who so loudly espouse "reform") could simply buy basic health insurance for the 12 million or so who don't have it.

America has seen many economic ups and downs in its 233 years. Whenever the country has been down, the free market has always leveled off over time. Our founding fathers crafted the Constitution in such a way that it emphasized the free market, government working for the people (not

the other way around), and a system of checks and balances. Many of our leaders are trying to change that simple, yet brilliant system that has made the U.S. the most free and prosperous in the world. Most of us don't even stop to think about the fact that even the poorest people in America enjoy freedom, opportunity and a standard of living that most of the world can only dream about. Why change a system that has been so efficient for all this time? It's the "change" from America's core values in recent years that has been the problem for the U.S.

As for the GOP, they have some beefing up to do. They need to stop being wishy-washy, and define what they believe and why, offering Americans a clear alternative to the leftist agenda that has hijacked the once-decent Democrat party. Serving and representing the people needs to be priority for *all* of our elected leaders. The vision that our founding fathers had for this great nation should also be theirs. America needs to get back to the basic principles, that made it so great.



# Staff Biographies

The magazine staff has been hard at work so far this semester! We thought that we would let you have a little insight into the often hectic, and outrageous lives of the Grizzly staff. Enjoy and have a great semester!



**Hey everyone! I am Erin Carlson** from El Dorado and this is my second year at Butler. I'm currently a Mass Communications major, and I'll possibly add another major in Spanish Language and Culture. I love to travel, and experience the world! A quote that I think EVERYONE should live by is "Be who you are, say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."—Dr. Seuss.

**Hi, my name is Tiffany Ladson.** I'm a sophomore from El Dorado. My major is pre-nursing and I plan to specialize in pediatric oncology. A fun fact about myself is I can down a Route44 Cherry Vanilla Limeade in like two seconds. My favorite quote is "All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them." – Walt Disney.



**Hello all, my name is Logan Jones** from Wichita and this is my second year at Butler. I am a Mass Communications major and intend on pursuing journalism (photojournalism) and education. A few things I love to do is travel, listen to blues music and play guitar, ride my bike, and document my life experiences and the lives of others through photojournalism. John Lennon's "Imagine" is what I think everyone should think about, and what I try to live by.

**I'm J.C. Boyce,** and this is my second year at Butler. I plan to transfer to a 4-year next year and continue studying mass communications. I love the outdoors and wildlife photography. My favorite wild animal to photograph is whitetail deer because they have such character and beauty. My career goals are to go into outdoor photo-journalism. My favorite quote is Isaiah 40:31 from the Bible, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as Eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."







My name is **Thao Pham** and I am from Salina. This is my first year at Butler and I am enjoying it so far. A fun fact about me is that I was voted 'Most likely to be on reality TV' in high school and I'm going to be a Mass Communications major. My favorite quote is "Your work is to discover your world and then with all your heart give yourself to it." – Buddha.

Hey guys! My name is **Kayla Banzet** and I'm from Neodesha. This is my first year at Butler. My major is Mass Communications and I hope to pursue a career in print journalism. A fun little fact about me is that I have been to 16 of the states and hope to see all 50 some day. One of my favorite quotes is "The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing." -John Powell.



Hello, My name is **Gordon Cave** and I am from Augusta. This is my first year here at Butler. A fun fact about me is that I have been in way too many car accidents (not with other cars) and I used to be terrified of peanut butter. My major is Mass Communications and my favorite quote is "Dream as if you'll live forever." – James Dean.

Hi, I am **Megan Mahurin** and I am from Cimarron. I am a freshman at Butler and am enjoying the atmosphere. A fun fact about me is that I can stuff 11 Jumbo Marshmallows into my mouth at one time. I originally came to Butler to study Early Childhood Education and become a kindergarten teacher, although at the moment, I am unsure of what I want to do. There are just too many possibilities. A quote I live by from day to day is "Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is listening. Love like you've never been hurt and live like it's heaven on Earth." – Mark Twain.



Hey! I am **Daric McCoy** and I am from El Dorado. This is my first semester at Butler and I love it. A fun fact about me that most people don't know is that I actually choreographed "Single Ladies" for Beyonce.( That's a joke!) My major is currently Information Technology, but that could possibly change in the future. A quote I try to live by is, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you have imagined." – Henry David Thoreau.



# TAKING A POWERFUL SHOT ON ACHIEVING A Goal.

Ortensia's grit was first discovered in grade-school soccer. The boys, of course, weren't too keen on passing to this little girl, leaving her dejected and ready to quit – until her brother gave her some sage advice. The next time down the field, the determined Ortensia stole the ball from a boy teammate and a few sharp cuts and quick moves later, she had left the boys on the other team – and the idea of giving up – in the dust. It was a bold move and if it failed Ortensia knew she would never have touched the ball again. But her drive to succeed prevailed, proving to herself that she could do anything. Now at Butler, this self-proclaimed procrastinator found she needed the same resolve to successfully balance the freedom of the college experience with the personal responsibility to prioritize – first homework, practice, work and THEN free time. She credits the support of her coaches, the personal attention of her instructors and the friendship of her teammates for her success in class and athletics. Sure, Ortensia could have gone to college anywhere; she chose Butler to prove to herself she could do anything.

Finding the balance between freedom and responsibility, that's how Ortensia Alcantara brings power to learning.

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